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Die Veneris, 11^{to} Die Novembris, 1757^o.

IT is Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that Heads of a Bill for a general Register of Popish Priests, with the Amendments made thereto, be forthwith printed and published, and that the Clerk of this House do appoint the Printing thereof.

HEN. BAKER STERNE,
Cler. Parliamentor.

B*y Virtue of the foregoing Order, I do appoint Mr. Oliver Nelson to print the said Heads of a Bill, and forbid any other Person to print the same.*

HEN. BAKER STERNE,
Cler. Parliamentor.

HEADS of a BILL

FOR A

General Register

OF

POPISH PRIESTS.

WHEREAS by an Act made
in the Second Year of her
late Majesty Queen *Anne*, Intituled,
An Act for registering the Popish
Clergy, it is enacted, That all and
every Popish Priest or Priests, who
were then in this Kingdom, should
register their Names and Places of A-
bode, and should enter into Recog-
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nizance with two sufficient Sureties each in the penal Sum of fifty Pounds for their peaceable Behaviour.

And whereas by one other Act made in the fourth Year of her said late Majesty to explain and amend the said Act, It is enacted, that if any Popish Priest or Priests, or Person whatsoever exercising the Office or Function of a Popish Priest, should after the twenty-fourth Day of *June*, in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and five, be found in this Kingdom, other than such Priests who had actually registered their Names, in pursuance of the former Act, he or they should be liable to certain Penalties, Forfeitures, and Punishments in the Act mentioned; which Act being first made Temporary, was by an Act made in the eighth

eighth Year of her said late Majesty,
intituled, An Act to prevent the further
growth of Popery, made perpetual.

And whereas notwithstanding the
said last recited Act continues still in
Force, many Popish Ecclesiasticks
have come into this Kingdom, or have
received Ordination in it, so that their
Number far exceeds the whole Number
of Priests registered in Pursuance of the
first mentioned Act, who from length
of Time are presumed to be all dead ;
which said Ecclesiasticks do at this
Day perform the Office and Function
of Popish Priests, although many of
them have no fixed Place of Abode,
nor are their Names certainly known,
neither have they given, nor as the
Law now stands, can they be admit-

ed to give any Security for their quiet and peaceable Behaviour.

And whereas a new Register of a limited Number of Popish Priests with proper Provision for Succession, and some further Provisions for the more effectual Removal of all others, would tend to lessen the present great Number of Popish Ecclesiasticks in this Kingdom, and would render those permitted to remain less formidable in all future Times to our present happy Establishment, and the publick Peace, by bringing and keeping them under the Notice, Inspection, and Correction of the Civil Power, and by obliging them to enter into Recognizance with sufficient Sureties for their peaceable Behaviour, and to give such Assurance of their Duty, and Submission to his Majesty

jeſty, and to the Laws of this Land,
as is neceſſary for the Quiet and Safety
of the State.

We therefore pray it may be enacted,
That all and every Popiſh Prieſt
and Prieſts who have laſt offici-
ated as Pariſh Prieſt in any Pariſh within this
Kingdom, (for which Pariſh it appears
by a certain Liſt printed in the Year
One Thouſand Seven Hundred and
Five, by order of the Lord Lieute-
nant and Council, and ſigned *H. Pult-
ney*, Dep. Cler. Conc. Priv. now re-
maining with the Clerk of the Parlia-
ments, that a Prieſt was regiſtered in
puruance of the before-mentioned Act,
paſſed in the Second Year of the Reign
of her late Maſteſty Queen *Anne* for
regiſtering the Popiſh Clergy) ſhall
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return in Writing at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the County, and of the County of the City of *Dublin*, which shall happen after the first Day of *January* One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, for all such Parishes as lie within the said County or County of a City, to the Clerk of the Peace of the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, or his Deputy, and for all other Parishes throughout this Kingdom to the Clerk of the Crown, or his Deputy, at the next General Assizes which shall be held for the County, or County of a City or a Town, in which the said Parishes lie after the first Day of *January* One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, his or their Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode,

together

together with his or their Age, the Name of the Parish or Parishes of which he pretends to be Popish Priest, and the length of Time during which he has officiated as such, and shall produce a Certificate Signed by seven principal Popish Inhabitants of the said Parish that he is the last Person who has officiated as Parish Priest of the said Parish, and shall then and there enter into Recognizance with two sufficient Sureties, each in the penal Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling to be of peaceable Behaviour, and shall also then and there in open Court take and subscribe an Oath of Allegiance in these Words, *viz.*

I A B.

I *A. B.* duly considering the
 sacred Nature of an Oath,
 and sincerely detesting the hori-
 ble Crime of willfull and delibe-
 rate Perjury, do Promise and
 Swear that I will be Faithful,
 and bear true Allegiance to His
 Majesty King *George* the Se-
 cond, his Heirs and Successors,
 And that I will make known
 all Treasons, Traiterous Con-
 spiracies, or Plots against his
 Person Crown and Dignity, if
 any such shall come to my
 Knowledge. And this I Promise
 and Swear upon the Faith of a
 Christian and of a Priest, in the
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plain and ordinary Sense of the Words now read unto me, without any secret Collusion, Equivocation, Evasion or Mental Reservation whatsoever. So help me God.

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Which Oath the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions of the County and County of the City of *Dublin*, and for all other Counties, Counties of Cities, or Towns throughout this Kingdom, the going Judge or Judges of Assize are hereby impowered and required to administer ; all which Returns, Certificates, Recognizances, and Oaths, the Clerks of the Peace, or of the Crown, or their Deputies respectively, shall carefully preserve and enroll on Rolls of Parchment to be kept for that Purpose and no other, under the Penalties and Forfeitures herein after mentioned.

And we pray it may be further enacted, that the Clerks of the Peace of the County and County of the City
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of *Dublin*, and the Clerks of the Crown of all other Counties, Counties of Cities or Towns in this Kingdom, or their Deputies shall within thirty Days after the said General Quarter Sessions or General Affizes, return to the Clerk of the Privy Council in this Kingdom, or his Deputy, under their Hands, a true and perfect List of all such Popish Priests as shall have been registered in the Manner above directed in each County, County of a City or Town, in which List the Performance of all and every the Conditions herein before specified, and the Names of the Sureties shall be particularly and distinctly set forth, and that every Clerk of the Peace or Crown, who shall neglect to return, or cause to be returned by his Deputy, such List, within the Time, and in the Manner herein

herein before directed, or shall neglect to preserve and enroll the Returns, Certificates, Recognizances and Oaths in manner herein already mentioned, shall for every such Neglect forfeit to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling.

And whereas it may happen that a sufficient Number of Priests, duly qualified, may not present themselves to be registered at the General Quarter-Sessions, or General Assizes next after the first Day of *January* One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, in manner herein before mentioned, we pray it may be enacted, that the Clerks of the Peace, or of the Crown, or their Deputies, shall, in their respective Returns to the Clerk of the Privy Council, particularly note the
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Parish or Parishes, for which no Priest or Priests shall have been registered, in conformity to the printed List herein before-mentioned; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council of this Kingdom, at their discretion, to permit a Priest to be registered for every such Parish or Parishes, so as that the Number of Priests may, upon the whole, correspond with, and be conformable to the Number in the said List for each County, County of a City, or a Town respectively.

And because some Parishes may be found so extensive, or to contain such a Number of Popish Inhabitants that one Priest alone may not be sufficient to discharge all the Duties thereof, we

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pray it may be enacted, That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, at their Discretion, to permit One or more assistant Priests to officiate and exercise the Function and Office of a Priest, in Such Parishes, provided always that the Number of Assistant Priests so to be permitted, shall not exceed two Hundred in and for the whole Kingdom.

And whereas there are several Persons of Rank and Property in this Kingdom, who continue addicted to the superstitious Worship of the Church of *Rome*, We therefore pray it may be enacted, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, at their discretion, to grant to any and all such
 Person

Person or Persons Permission that they and each of them shall keep One domestick secular Priest who shall be permitted to officiate as a Popish Priest, and to celebrate Mass within the Mansion-house of such Person only, provided that the said Person shall in his Petition praying for such Favour and Indulgence set forth the Name and Age of such Priest, and shall enter into a Recognizance in the penal Sum of two Hundred pounds Sterling, that the said Priest shall be of good Behaviour, and shall also set forth the Name of the County in which his said Mansion-house is situated. And provided also that the said Person, so petitioning, shall take the Oath abovementioned, leaving out the Words (and of a Priest) and that the said Priest shall also take the said Oath

previously to the obtaining such Permission, which may then be granted under the Hands of the said Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, at their Discretion, provided always the Number of domestick Priests so to be permitted shall not exceed fifty in and for the whole Kingdom; provided always, and we pray it may be enacted, that all the Names of the said assistant and domestick Priests shall be carefully preserved, enrolled and registered by the Clerk of the Council, or his Deputy, on Rolls of Parchment to be kept for that Purpose, and no other under the Penalties and Forfeitures herein after mentioned. And if it shall appear that the Number of assistant or domestick Priests registered in the said Rolls, shall

shall at any time exceed the said limited Number as before-mentioned, in that Case the Registry of such Priest or Priests, so exceeding the said limited Number, shall be void and of no Effect.

And we pray it may be further enacted, That upon the Death of any Priest whose Name shall be found, at the time of his decease in any of the Lists in this Act mentioned, It shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, to permit any other Priest, whose name shall also then be found in some one of the said Lists, to officiate instead of the person deceased, Until such Time as a secular Priest shall be permitted to come into this Kingdom, in Order to

Supply the Place of the said deceas'd Person ; Provided always that, previous to the granting of such permission, a Petition shall be presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, praying for such Indulgence, which Petition shall be signed by not less than five of such Priests as shall appear by some one of the said Lists to be then registered within the Province in which the said deceased Person was permitted to officiate.

And in Order to supply all Vacancies that shall happen by Death, Removal or Dismission, We pray it may be enacted, That as often as any such Vacancy shall happen, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant,

tenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, upon a Petition being presented to them, praying that a Secular Priest, (whose Name, Place of Education, and Time and Place of receiving Orders, shall be inserted in the said Petition,) may be permitted to come into this Kingdom to supply the said Vacancy, (which Petition shall be signed by not less than five of such Priests as shall appear by some one of the Lists in this Act mentioned to be then registered within the Province in which such Vacancy shall happen) to grant a Passport (in which Passport shall be mentioned the Vacancy which the said Priest is to supply, and in case there be then no such Vacancy, the said Passport shall be void) to such Se-

cular Priest to come into this Kingdom, to the Intent that he may have an Opportunity of performing all Things required by this Act in order to his being registered; it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that every Priest who shall be permitted, in pursuance of this Act, to come into this Kingdom, shall previously to his officiating enter into such Recognizances, to and before the Clerks of the Peace, or of the Crown, or their Deputies respectively, as are herein before directed to be entered into by those Persons who have last officiated as Parish Priests, and shall also take and subscribe the Oath herein before mentioned at the General Quarter Sessions, or General Assizes respectively held for the County in which
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he shall be permitted to officiate ; and shall also make and subscribe the following Declaration *I A. B. do solemnly declare upon the Faith of a Christian and of a Priest, that I am a Secular, and not a Regular Priest.* All which Recognizances, Oaths and Declarations, the said Clerks of the Peace, or of the Crown, or their Deputies respectively shall preserve and enroll on Rolls of Parchment to be kept for that Purpose, under the Penalties and Forfeitures herein before mentioned ; and shall within thirty Days after such General Quarter Sessions, or General Assizes, return to the Clerk of the Privy Council or his Deputy, the Name or Names of such Priests as have been thus registered ; all which Returns, as well as the Lists

herein before directed to be returned by the said Clerks of the Peace or Clerks of the Crown, as also the Names of the Assistant and Domestick Priests herein before mentioned, the said Clerk of the Privy Council, or his Deputy, shall carefully preserve and enroll, or cause to be enrolled in the Council-Office in the same manner and under the same Penalty and Forfeiture as are herein before ordained with respect to Clerks of the Peace, or of the Crown, in the several Counties, Counties of Cities, or Towns in this Kingdom, provided always that the Passports above-mentioned shall be valid during six Months and no longer: And provided also that no Jesuit, Monk or other Regular

Regular Priest shall be capable of a grant of such Passport, or shall be suffered to come into this Kingdom under this or any other pretence whatsoever. And that all and every Registered Priest, or Priests, subscribing or signing any Petition for any such Jesuit, Monk, or regular Priest to Supply any such Vacancy as aforesaid, shall be subject to all the Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned.

And to the Intent that the Number and Persons of Priests permitted, as herein before directed, may at all Times be certainly and publickly known. We pray it may be enacted, That the Clerk of the Privy-Council, or his Deputy, shall within thirty Days after every Permission of One or more Priests shall be granted for any of the Causes

Causes, or on any of the Occasions in
 this Act mentioned, certify under his
 Hand every such Permission for the
 County or the County of the City
 of *Dublin*, to the Clerks of the Peace,
 or their Deputies, or to the Clerks
 of the Crown, for the several Coun-
 ties, Counties of Cities, or Towns,
 or their Deputies respectively, for
 which such Permission, or Permis-
 sions hath, or have been granted, in
 such Manner and form as the Clerks
 of the Peace and of the Crown are
 hereby required to make Returns of the
 Priests registered at the General Quar-
 ter-Sessions or Assizes as aforesaid;
 and that each and every said Clerk of
 the Peace and of the Crown, shall
 from these Returns and the Lists by
 them formerly returned to the Clerk
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of the Privy-Council once in every Year, or oftner if there be Occasion, make out perfect and compleat Lists of all and every Priest and Priests which then stand registered in each respective County, in which Lists, besides setting forth the performance of all the Conditions and the Names of the Sureties, as is herein before directed, they and every of them shall further particularly set forth the Time and Occasion of every Permission, and all Variations from former Lists, and shall within thirty Days after the first Day of *May* in every Year after the expiration of the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty eight, return a Duplicate of such Lists signed with their Hands respectively to the Clerk of the Privy-Council, or his Deputy

Deputy, who shall give a Receipt in Writing for the same, and shall keep the said Lists to be viewed by any Person or Persons desiring to see the same without fee or reward; and that every Clerk of the Peace or of the Crown who shall neglect to return such Duplicate once at least in every Year, within the Time, and in the manner hereby limited, shall for every such Neglect, forfeit the like Sum, as in the Case of the first Lists of Permissions is herein before mentioned and directed.

And we pray it may be further enacted, That all and every Popish Priest and Priests who shall be registered pursuant to this Act, shall during the Time that they stand thus registered,

ed, be freed, exempted and fully discharged of and from all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures which he or they might have incurred or been subject or liable unto for and on Account of his or their being a Popish Priest or Priests, at any Time before such registering by Virtue of any Law or Statute now in force against Popery, and shall not be sued, prosecuted, impeached, or in any sort molested by reason of any such Offence committed against any of the said Laws, or for officiating in time to come as a Priest or Priests within the several Counties in which they stand registered, any thing in the said Acts or any of them contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Provided

Provided always, and we pray it may be further enacted, that every Priest, who shall be registered pursuant to this Act, shall at the next Quarter Sessions give into the Justices of the Peace then assembled, the Name and Description of the Place or at most of two Places in which he proposes to officiate, which Place or Places, being by them approved of, shall be and remain the only Place or Places for Mass within the Parish or Parishes in which such Priest shall be permitted to celebrate Mass, unless on a Change of Circumstances the Justices assembled at some future Quarter Sessions shall see Cause to approve of some other Place or Places in lieu thereof, as more convenient, and that every Priest who shall erect, or suffer to be erected

erected any other, or shall celebrate Mass in any other, than shall be from time to time so approved of, shall from thenceforth be subject to all the Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned. Provided also that if any such Priest, so permitted as aforesaid, shall presume to appear publickly in his Habit, or attempt any Procession without the Walls of the said Mass-house, or Mass-houses, at Funerals, or on any other Occasion whatsoever, every such Priest, so offending, shall be subject to all the Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned; it being the true Intent and Meaning of this Act that every Priest and the deluded People in compassion to whom un-

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till such Time as by God's Blessing they may be converted, this Indulgence is designed, should on all and every Occasion of their Superstitious Worship behave themselves with that Privacy and Modesty which become Persons in their Circumstances.

Provided always, and we pray it may be further enacted, that if upon Information given upon Oath before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and by him or them returned to the Clerk of the Privy Council, or his Deputy or in any other way it shall appear that any Priest or Priests, registered in Manner herein before set forth, hath or have

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at any Time after such Registering promoted Sedition or Riots, or attempted to pervert any Protestant to a Recantation of the Protestant Religion, or to the Profession and Communion of the popish Religion, or attempted to inveigle or seduce any of his Majesty's Subjects into the Service of the Pretender, or of any foreign Prince or State, or hath or have been guilty of a Breach of the Peace, That then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, and Privy Council, at their discretion, by Order signed by the Clerk of the Council

Council or his Deputy, and posted in the Assize Town of the County where such Priest or Priests reside, or on the Door of the Church of the Parish or Parishes in which said Priest or Priests are permitted to officiate, to dismiss such Priest or Priests, and absolutely forbid him or them any longer to officiate, or to perform any Office or Function of a Popish Priest in this Kingdom, and also to direct the Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of the Crown for the County in which the said Priest is registered, to erase his Name out of the Roll and List of Registered Priests, and at their Discretion, to permit another Priest, or other Priests qualified, as and having per-

performed all the Requisites herein before particularly set forth, in his or their stead, and such Priest or Priests, so dismissed, shall forthwith depart this Kingdom ; and in case he or they shall continue in it longer than forty Days after such Dismission, shall from thenceforth be subject to all the Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned.

And we pray it may be enacted, That every Priest who shall at any Time after the said first Day of *May*, One Thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, officiate in any of the said Mass-houses, shall, as often as he shall so officiate, at some Time during the Exercise of Divine Service in such Mass-house, exhort the People

in the *English* or *Irish* Language to pray for his most Excellent Majesty King *George* the Second, his Heirs or Successors by Name; and that in case any Priest shall neglect so to do, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors and Privy Council, to dismiss such Priest in manner as above directed.

And we pray it may be enacted, that the Clerks of the Peace for the County and County of the City of *Dublin*, or their Deputies, on the first Day of every General Quarter Sessions, and the Clerks of the Crown for every other County, County of a City, or of a Town in this Kingdom, or their De-

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puties, on the first Day of every General Assizes, shall read, or cause to be read, the whole and compleat List last returned to the Clerk of the Council in open Court, immediately after the Charge given to the Grand Jury, and shall have the same always in Court, during the whole time of the Quarter Sessions, or general Assizes respectively, ready to be produced to every Person or Persons who shall desire to view the same, without Fee or Reward, under the like Penalty and Forfeiture as in the Case of Neglect to make Returns, as is herein before directed.

And we pray it may be further enacted, that all and every Popish Eccle-

flastick of whatever kind or Denomina-
 tion he or they may be, whether Secular
 or Regular, and every Person exercising
 the Office or Function of a Popish
 Priest, who shall be and remain in this
 Kingdom, or hereafter come into it,
 other and except such Priests whose
 Names and Description shall from Time
 to Time stand and be found in some one
 of the said last returned Lists, or who
 shall be provided with one of the Pass-
 ports before mentioned, shall be com-
 mitted to Goal, there to remain with-
 out Bail or Mainprize during the Term
 of One Year, at the Expiration of
 which Term, he or they shall be trans-
 ported out of his Majesty's Dominions,
 wherever His Majesty, his Heirs and
 Successors, or the Chief Governor, or
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Governors of this Kingdom, for the Time being, shall think fit, and that no Person, who shall be sued or prosecuted upon this Act, or shall be presented for being a Popish Priest, or for exercising the Office or Function of a Popish Priest, shall within the Intent and Meaning of this Act be freed, exempted, or discharged from the said Imprisonment, unless he or they shall at his or their Tryal, produce one of the said Passports, or some one of the Lists last returned and kept by the Clerk of the Privy Council, or Clerk of the Peace or of the Crown, in manner herein before appointed, or a Copy thereof duly attested by the Person keeping the same, and that his or their Name or Names is or are contained therein.

And we pray it may be enacted,
 That from and after the first Day
 of *June*, one Thousand seven Hundred
 and fifty nine, the High-Sheriffs of
 the County and City of *Dublin* upon
 the first Day of each and every Quarter-
 Sessions, and the High-Sheriff of each
 and every other County, County of a
 City, or a Town in this Kingdom, upon
 the first Day of every General Assizes to
 be held for such County respectively,
 or in Case of his or their necessary
 Absence, their Sub-Sheriff, or Sub-
 Sheriffs, or any other sufficient Depu-
 ties, shall give in upon Oath to the
 best of his or their Knowledge, hear-
 say, and belief, a true List in Writing
 of the Names and Places of Abode of
 all and every Popish Priest or Priests,
 or reputed Popish Priests, whether Se-
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cular or Regular, residing within his or their Counties, which are not registered pursuant to this Act; and that every High-Sheriff neglecting to make, or cause to be made, such Return as aforesaid, shall be fined in open Court by the Bench of Justices in the County, and the County of the City of *Dublin*, and by the Judge or Judges of Assize in every other County, County of a City or a Town in this Kingdom, in any Sum not less than fifty Pounds, nor exceeding two Hundred Pounds, which Fines, when imposed, shall be estreated into his Majesty's *Exchequer*, and that the Clerks of the Peace for the County or County of the City of *Dublin*, or their Deputies, at every General Quarter-Sessions, and the
Clerks

Clerks of the Crown, or their Deputies, at every General-Affizes as aforesaid, shall return a Query to be answered by the Grand Jury of each County, County of a City or a Town respectively, whether they know, believe, or have heard of any Popish Priest, or reputed Popish Priest or Priests, Secular or Regular, other than those registered as aforesaid, residing within their County, County of a City or a Town, and what are the Names and Places of Abode of every such Popish Priest, or reputed Popish Priest. And that all the said Priests, so returned by the said Sheriffs or Grand Juries as aforesaid, shall be presented by the Grand Juries respectively as Popish Priests, or Ecclesiasticks not registered,

and

and that upon every such Presentment, so made and returned to the Clerk of the Privy-Council, the Person and Persons in every such Presentment named shall by Proclamation from and by the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors and Privy-Council, be commanded and required to Surrender him or themselves within forty Days to One or more of the Justices of the Peace for the County, County of a City, or of a Town, where such Presentment shall be made; and all and every Person so surrendering him or themselves shall be committed to the Goal of the next Assize-Town, there to remain untill he or they shall be brought to Trial; and in case any or all of the

Persons

Persons so presented, shall neglect to surrender themselves, and shall be afterwards apprehended and taken, every such Person so apprehended shall be committed to Goal, there to remain without Bail or Main-Prize during the Term of One Year, at the Expiration of which Term he or they shall be transported out of his Majesty's Dominions, wherever his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, or the Chief Governor, or Governors of this Kingdom for the Time being shall think fit; and if any Person or Persons transported in pursuance of this Act shall return again into this Kingdom, they and every of them shall suffer close Imprisonment during their natural Lives; and all and every Person

son or Persons concealing, aiding, abetting and succouring such Person or Persons so presented and proclaimed, knowingly from and after the Times so limited in and by each Proclamation, shall suffer Imprisonment during the Term of one Year, and also forfeit the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Sterling over and above all Penalties or Forfeitures to which such Person or Persons is or are already Subject by any Law now in force in this Kingdom.

And in order to deter all Persons from concealing, aiding, abetting, or succouring any Priest who shall not be registered in pursuance of this Act, We pray it may be Enacted,
That

That from and after the first Day of *June* one Thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, no Person shall be present at Mass celebrated by any unregistered Priest, knowing him to be such, or shall knowingly harbour any unregistered Popish Ecclesiastick, unless the said Ecclesiastick be provided with one of the Passports before mentioned, and that every Person offending against the Intention of this Clause, and being convicted thereof by due Course of Law, shall forfeit to the Prosecutor the Sum of one Hundred Pounds: And each and every Person so convicted shall, immediately upon his Conviction, be committed to close Custody, without Bail or Mainprize, untill he shall have paid the
said

said Sum of one Hundred Pounds
Sterling to the Prosecutor.

And in order to facilitate the con-
victing of all Persons who shall offend
against the Intention of the foregoing
Clause, We pray it may be enacted,
That every Justice of the Peace shall
grant a Summons to any Papist with-
in his County, (at the Request of any
Person, paying six pence for the same,)
to appear and be examined before him
upon Oath, touching Offences com-
mitted against the Intention of the
said Clause, or to appear and be exa-
mined as a Witness at the then next
Assizes, (or if in the City or County
of *Dublin*,) at the next Sessions, or
Commission of Oyer and Terminer,

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on Tryal of any Offence against the said Clause, the Name of the Person, requesting the Summons, being inserted therein, and the Person summoned being, at the Time of Service of the Summons, paid or tendered his reasonable Expences, which Person willfully refusing or neglecting to appear accordingly, or refusing to answer upon Oath before the said Justice, (or on the Trial (as the Case shall be) shall forfeit and pay the Sum of twenty Pounds Sterling to the Person at whose Request the Summons was granted, the same to be recovered by Action of Debt or Civil Bill, Provided always that no such Examination or Testimony shall ever be given in Evidence against the Person so examined.

And

And in order the more effectually to carry this Act into Execution, and the better to encourage all Persons to apprehend and convict any Popish Priest, who shall not be registered in Manner and Form herein before mentioned, or any Popish Priest, or other Ecclesiastick, presented and proclaimed as aforesaid, We pray it may be further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall after the first Day of *June*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and fifty nine, discover any Popish Priest or Priests not registered, or any Popish Ecclesiastick or Ecclesiasticks, who shall be presented and proclaimed as aforesaid, or who

shall be found in this Kingdom, contrary to the true Intent and meaning of this Act, so as he or they may be apprehended and legally convicted, the Person or Persons making such Discovery shall for every Person so discovered and convicted, receive, as a Reward, the sum of one Hundred Pounds sterling, to be levied on the Popish Inhabitants of the County, County of a City or a Town in which every such Priest, or other Ecclesiastick, shall be so convicted, in such Manner, and on such Persons as Money for Robberies is to be levied, by an Act made in the seventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the third, intituled, *An Act for suppressing Tories, Robbers, and Raparees,* and for preventing Robberies Burglaries
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and other heinous Crimes, where the Robbery or Burglary is presented by the Grand Jury, to be committed by Papists only, and to be levied in the County and County of the City of *Dublin* in such Manner, and on such Popish Persons, as other publick money is levied at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the said County, or County of the said City of *Dublin*.

And we pray it may be further enacted, That all and every the Forfeitures and Penalties which shall at any Time be incurred by virtue of this Act, shall be sued for and recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record, in which Suits no Effoin or Wager of Law shall be allowed, or any more than

than one Imparlance, or by Civil Bill, where the Forfeiture or Penalty does not exceed twenty Pounds, and that one Moyety of all and every the Forfeitures and Penalties, when recovered, excepting always the Rewards and Forfeitures which are herein before appointed to be paid to the Discoverer and the Prosecutor, in the Cases herein particularly mentioned, shall go and be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moyety to the Use of such Person or Persons as shall sue for the same, in manner aforesaid.

And we pray it may be further enacted, that this Act shall be and continue in Force from the first Day of *January,*

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